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December 30, 2002

Reply To
Attn of: ECL-115

Mark Edwards
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Dear Mr. Edwards:

This is to inform you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received the comment letter submitted by Teck Cominco Metals Ltd. - Trail Operations on the draft expanded site inspection (ESI) report for the Upper Columbia River. EPA appreciates the comments and suggestions provided and will take them into consideration in preparing the final version of the report.

Also, I would like to follow-up on my conversations with you on September 18th, and November 18th, 2002, in which you expressed strong interest in a meeting between EPA and Teck Cominco Metals Ltd. regarding the Upper Columbia River.

At the November 18th meeting hosted by the Lake Roosevelt Forum in Spokane, Washington, you informed me that Teck Cominco Metals Ltd. believes it is potentially responsible for contamination in the river and is interested in meeting with representatives of the EPA. I informed you that EPA management is open to meeting with Teck Cominco Metals Ltd. and that I would contact you to arrange a meeting date and place, preferably in Washington state.

EPA appreciated the opportunity to meet with representatives of Teck Cominco American Incorporated this past December 17th, and looks forward to its meeting with Teck Cominco Metals Limited regarding the Upper Columbia River. Please respond to me no later than January 15, 2003, with your preferred meeting date(s), place, and proposed agenda. I would like to suggest EPA's office in Seattle, Washington for a meeting place. Your reply can be sent via e-mail to tonel.monica@epa.gov or to my attention at EPA Region 10, 1200 Sixth Ave. (ECL-115), Seattle, WA 98101.

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Again, we appreciate the comments by Teck Cominco Metals Limited on the draft ESI report and its strong interest in a meeting with EPA regarding the Upper Columbia River. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (206) 553-0323.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monica Tonel". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial 'M' and a long, sweeping underline.

Monica Tonel
Site Assessment and Cleanup Unit 2

cc: David Croxton, EPA Region 10
Bill Duncan, Teck Cominco Metals Ltd.-Trail Operations

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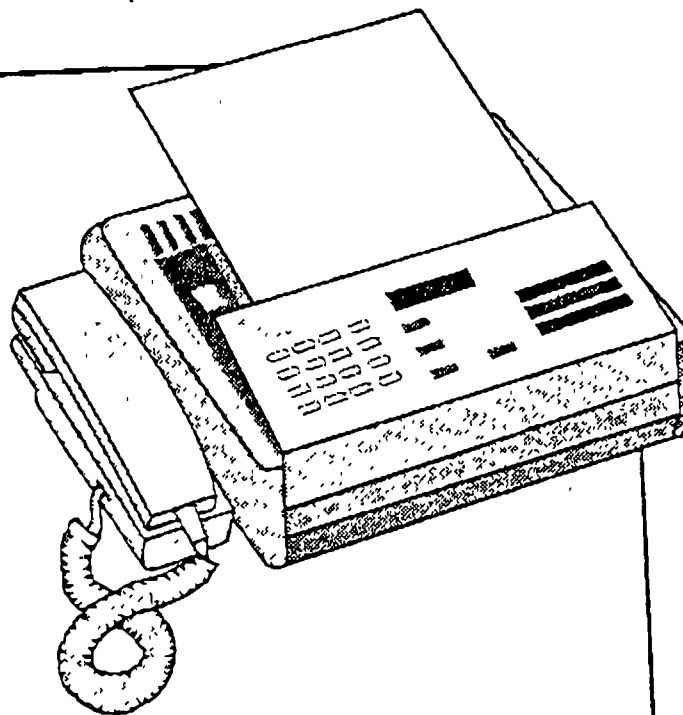
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